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Strangers are admitted to see the Asylum on MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, and THURSDAYS, from Eleven to Twelve o'Clock in the Forenoon, and from Two to Four o'Clock in the Afternoon.

They are requested not to make any remarks upon the personal appearance of the Pupils in their hearing, or to offer money to any Pupil or Servant of the Institution.

Boxes are provided for receiving any Contributions to be distributed as rewards to the Pupils; also a Book for entering any Donation or Annual Subscription which Visitors may be disposed to give to the Institution.

The PUPILS assemble in the MUSIC ROOM every MONDAY AFTERNOON, at Three o'Clock, except during the Summer and Christmas Vacations, for the performance of SACRED MUSIC, to which Visitors are admitted.

FORM OF LEGACY.

I bequeath to the Institution called "THE BRISTOL ASYLUM, OR SCHOOL OF INDUSTRY FOR THE BLIND," *the sum of to be paid to the Treasurer for the time being of that Institution, for the general purposes thereof; which sum I direct to be paid preferably to any other legacies out of such part of my personal estate as may lawfully be appropriated to charitable purposes.*

Gifts, by will, of land, or of any charges on land, or of money or stock to be laid out in the purchase of land, for charitable uses, are void by the Statute of Mortmain, but money or stock may be given by will, if not directed to be laid out in land.

Every person contributing £10 at one time, or annually subscribing £1 1s. (so long as such annual subscription continues), is a Member of the Institution.

Persons desirous of renting Pews or Sittings in the Chapel, may obtain every information at the Asylum.

Those who may be disposed to support this benevolent Institution are informed that Donations and Subscriptions will be received by the Treasurer; by Stuckey's Banking Company; by any Member of the Committee; and at the Asylum, Queen's Road, Park Street, Bristol.

All Annual Subscriptions shall take date from the 1st January in each year, and shall be paid in advance.

The Public are respectfully informed that all descriptions of Basket Work of various sizes, Door Mats, Hearth and other Rugs of various colour and sizes, and Ornamental Knitting, are constantly kept on sale, at moderate prices, at the Asylum.

BRISTOL ASYLUM

OR

SCHOOL OF INDUSTRY FOR THE BLIND.

INSTITUTED 1797—INCORPORATED 1832.

President.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE LORD TEIGNMOUTH.

Vice-Presidents.

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Col. SAVILE.

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JOSEPH H. NASH, Esq.
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Auditors—WM. JORDAN, Esq., and J. H. NASH, Esq.

Chaplain—Rev. ALFRED MEDLAND.

Honorary Physician—FREDERICK BRITTAN, Esq., M.D.

Honorary Surgeon—A. W. PRICHARD, Esq.

Surgeon Dentists—Messrs. HAYMAN.

Lady Superintendent—Mrs. STANLEY.

Secretary—Mr. GEORGE TAYLOR.

Professor of Music—Mr. S. ROOTHAM.

Tuning Master—Mr. E. COCKRAM.

Governesses—Miss MERRELL and Miss THAIN.

Trade Master—Mr. KIRBY.

Superintendent of Saleroom—Miss HARRIS.

BRISTOL, May 7, 1880.

At the General Annual Meeting of the Bristol Asylum, or School of Industry for the Blind, holden this day at the Asylum, Queen's Road, Park Street,

The Right Worshipful the MAYOR in the Chair,

The following Resolutions were passed :—

1. That the Report and Statement of Accounts now read be adopted, and that the same be printed and distributed under the direction of the Committee.

2. That the Right Hon. Lord Teignmouth be appointed President, William Henry Harford, Esq., and Col. Savile, be appointed Vice-Presidents for the ensuing year.

3. That J. Chetwood Aiken, Esq., be appointed Treasurer for the ensuing year, and that the thanks of the Meeting be presented to him for his valuable services for the past year.

4. That Wm. Jordan, Esq., and Joseph Haynes Nash, Esq., be appointed Auditors, and that the following Gentlemen form the Committee :—

H. T. Bridges, Esq.
Alderman Brittan,
B. G. Burroughs, Esq.
William Arthur Daubeny, Esq.
John Exley, Esq., M.A.
Steuart Fripp, Esq.
Alderman Harvey.
Col. Edmund Armitage Hardy.
A. N. Herapath, Esq.
Henry R. James, Esq.
Alderman Jones.
Samuel Jones, Esq.
William Jordan, Esq.
Joseph H. Nash, Esq.
Samuel Worsley, Esq.

5. That the Rev. Alfred Medland be appointed Chaplain to this Asylum for the ensuing year.

6. That the thanks of this Meeting he presented to A. W. Prichard, Esq., Honorary Surgeon, and Messrs. Hayman & Co., Surgeon-Dentists, for their valuable services during the past year.

HENRY TAYLOR, Chairman.

The Chairman having quitted the Chair, it was taken by The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol, when it was resolved unanimously,

That the best thanks of this Meeting be given to the Right Worshipful the Mayor for his kindness in presiding on this occasion.

REPORT.

"'Tis (says Dr. Young) greatly wise to talk with our past hours,
And ask them what report they bore to heaven,
And how they might have borne more welcome news;
Their answers form what men experience call."

And this poetical aphorism is applicable not only to us as individuals, but to our social institutions. It is for the purpose of taking such a review that the anniversary meetings of our benevolent societies are appointed; and as every thoughtful person deems it useful and edifying sometimes to stand still in the journey of life, and look back to his personal history and experience, not merely during the preceding year, but during his whole life, to ascertain what is his condition in reference to his present and eternal interests as the result of that life; so the Committee of this Charity have thought it would be well to take a cursory retrospect of its career from its commencement; and to lay before its subscribers a brief statement of what has been the aggregate outcome of its existence; and for this purpose the Committee have caused its records to be searched, with the following result.

This Asylum was established in the year 1793, and is the oldest but two of such institutions in the United Kingdom. Its beginnings were but small yet it soon grew "in favor with God and man." It has existed therefore for upwards of 87 years, and during that period nearly 650 blind persons have been lodged, boarded, and educated in it. Most of these have been rescued from ignorance and pauperism; and sent out into the world mentally, morally, and religiously

educated, and trained to gain wholly or partly their own livelihoods. Some of them have gone forth as skilled musicians; others as handicrafts-men in different trades; and there are at this time seven of the former occupying situations as organists in the Cities of Bristol and Bath and their neighbourhoods. Such in brief are some of the blessings which have been conferred by this Institution on the Blind.

Having thus taken a hasty glance at the general result, your Committee turn to the year just ended of this Institution. They do so with some degree of pleasure. It is not only that during that period there has been a considerable increase in the number of pupils received into the house, but that a greater progress has been made in the education and discipline of the pupils; a higher tone of religious and moral feeling has prevailed among them; death has not entered its portals, and the general health of its inmates has been scarcely disturbed by sickness.

At the commencement of the year there were 45 pupils (24 males and 21 females) in the Asylum. One has left, and is doing well as a basket maker, and 2 have from inherent physical infirmities been returned after a short probation, to their parents, so that there are now in the Asylum 58 pupils. Of these 5 (3 males and 2 females) who have become good organists, pianists, and pianoforte tuners, will leave during the coming year; and the Committee have reason to believe that these pupils will obtain situations or employments in which by the exercise of their musical talents they will gain respectable livelihoods; and besides having the pleasure arising from the mental, moral, and religious culture which they have received within these walls, will carry with them an influence for good wherever they go. In addition to the attainments above mentioned, the two female pupils about to leave

are expert knitters, and artificial wool flower makers; one of the males is a skilful basket maker; and all have been taught chair caning.

Valuable as is the education now given in this Institution to its pupils, consisting of reading, writing, arithmetic, grammar, geography, history, and a knowledge of the current events of the day, besides the instruction in music and handicrafts the Committee would, had it more funds at its command, gladly afford a still higher education to those who could receive it. Science and human ingenuity are continually devising new instruments and appliances for the better teaching of the blind; the purchase of many of which aids to instruction are, it is to be regretted, beyond the Committee's means. Gladly, too, would they, had they the pecuniary resources, establish as an incentive to, and reward for, industry, perseverance, and general good conduct, Scholarships for their more deserving pupils.

Few persons are aware of the anxiety which rests upon the head of an Institution like this. It is necessary as early as possible after receiving a child into it, to ascertain the temper, mental qualities, and aptitudes of such child, so as to know how to cultivate, and what direction to give to his or her faculties. This requires great discrimination and judgment, which are only to be obtained by one accustomed to the blind, and constantly with each child; and not only so, but there is much in some of the children who are received into this house which it is necessary but difficult to make them unlearn or forget. The Committee cannot in this respect speak too highly of the Lady Superintendent.

The Braille system of writing and musical notation, alluded to in the Committee's last Report as possessing such great advantages, is still in use in this Institution;

but as the Braille character is unknowu to the general public, the pupils are also instructed to write in the Roman character, in order that they may be enabled to communicate with their friends.

The Music Hall, which in the Committee's last Report was stated to have undergone repair at a large pecuniary outlay, is now repaying that outlay; and it is hoped that its excellent acoustic construction, and its convenient position between the City and Clifton, will render it still more remunerative, besides bringing this Institution more prominently before the public.

The trade account shews, notwithstanding the general depression in trade during the past year, a more favourable balance by about £57 than appeared in the preceding year's account. There have also been an increase this year over the year 1878, of subscriptions, £11 6s. 0d.; of donations, £110 1s. 6d.; and of legacies, £2127 13s. 7d.

During the past year several special sources of enjoyment have been opened to the pupils through the efforts of the Lady Superintendent; who has thought, and the Committee consider wisely, that by affording to the pupils the means of rational public enjoyment, not only would the monotony of their lives be broken, and their gratitude be excited, but their minds would be expanded and elevated, and a feeling of self-respect be engendered. Among those sources of enjoyment most prominently was that afforded by the generosity of the late Mayor (G. W. Edwards, Esq.,) who provided the whole of the pupils with tickets of admission to all the meetings of the Musical Festival, lately held in this city. To him the especial thanks of this Committee are due, as also to H. F. Lawes, Esq., the Secretary of the Musical Festival Society, for his kind assistance in the matter. Thanks are also due, and are

hereby tendered to Miss Farler, Miss Pearce, Mr. Tutton, and Mr. Marsh, respectively, for admission gratuitously of the pupils to their several concerts; also to John Exley, Esq., for an admission to the Cathedral to hear the "Last Judgment;" to a Friend for admission to hear Mr. Charles Hallé and Madame Neruda's performances at the Alexandra Hall; and to hear the Lecture on the "Zulu War," given by Mr. Forbes at the Victoria Rooms; to Mr. G. Riseley, for permitting the pupils to be present at the full rehearsal of the "Orpheus Glee Society;" nor must be omitted Col. Hall's kindness in admitting them to a Missionary Lecture given by him at the Blind Asylum. To Commander Roberts also thanks are due for his kind suggestions and instructions as to the making of ships' fenders, which your Committee hope to turn ere long to a valuable account.

The thanks of the Committee are also given to the Honorary Physician and Surgeon, as well as to the Surgeon-Dentist respectively for their services.

The Monday Afternoon Concerts in the Music Hall continue to be well attended.

Since the announcement of the munificent bequest of the late Richardson Gardner, Esq., for the general benefit of the blind, much has been written on the subject of educating the blind. A large portion of what has been so written has been written evidently by persons who have never had much study of, or intercourse with, the blind. Many persons appear to consider the blind to be nearly all possessed of mental or musical talent, or both, capable of a high degree of culture; whereas it is but a small minority of them who possess such talent; and of that minority only a few who attain to such culture. In this Institution children of all degrees of talent are trained; and whilst it is its object to develop the highest talent which the sightless

may possess, it seeks also to raise and call forth the little ability of the least gifted of these afflicted ones.

Referring to the before mentioned bequest, the Committee have brought this Institution under the notice of the Trustees of the Gardner Bequest, in the hope that it may be the recipient of some part of that fund.

The Committee refer with satisfaction to the Reports of the Chaplain, the Honorary Surgeon, and the Musical Professor respectively annexed.

Since the preparation of the foregoing Report your Committee have been called upon to lament the death of Dr. Fripp, for many years the Honorary Physician to this Institution; a tribute of gratitude to whose memory they here mournfully record.

Your Committee have, however, the satisfaction of stating that in response to a request made by them to him, Dr. Brittan has undertaken the duties of such Honorary Physician.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT.

At my last Annual Examination there had been admitted into the Institution a larger number of new pupils than for some years previously ; this number has been still further increased during the past year, and the whole with some few exceptions appear to be making satisfactory progress.

The boys as usual were presented in two classes. The first consisting of 16 lads, with whose conduct and bearing I was much pleased, manifested a very intelligent acquaintance with the Book of Judges, and the earlier part of the Book of Genesis and also the Gospel by St. Mark.

The 2nd class, consisting of 6 little boys, much interested me by the readiness of their answers to questions on the first ten chapters of Genesis and some of the events connected with the miracles recorded by St. Mark.

The girls also were presented in two classes, the senior of which consisting of 10 girls, with but two exceptions, passed very creditably in the Book of Genesis and St. Mark's Gospel. The second class, numbering 12, has not made as much progress as I could have wished ; it must, however, be considered that in this division there are many new pupils from whom much could not be expected, whilst the capacity of 2 or 3 appears to be limited.

The reading of most of the pupils, to which I attach great importance, was satisfactory, excepting the elder girls in the junior division. One very little fellow in the boys' junior division bids fair to read with great facility.

A striking feature of the year was the large number of pupils who voluntarily presented themselves as candidates for Confirmation. In response to a general notice given in the Chapel, but not in any way to them exclusively, 23 came forward, of these 20 were subsequently prepared and presented to the Bishop of the Diocese and were Confirmed by him in Clifton Parish Church. The general tone and bearing of these Candidates was very satisfactory and most of them have since become Communicants. I can only trust and pray that they all may be truly confirmed in the faith, and walk worthily of their Christian profession.

A. MEDLAND,

Chaplain.

Clifton, April 19, 1880.

MEDICAL REPORT.

During the past year the health of the pupils has been remarkably good. Beyond the usual complaints that necessarily must occur in a school where many of the children are of a weakly constitution, there has been little or no illness.

I had to operate on one child on account of pain in the eyeball, and one child was sent home, as his health did not permit him to follow his work. Besides these cases and the usual coughs and colds during the winter months, I have had no attendance among the pupils.

Since my report of three years ago, when I gave the causes as far as I could find out of the blindness of the pupils then in the Institution, there have been admitted 33; one of these has been sent away for ill health, and of the 32 remaining, 22 are boys and 10 girls.

On investigating the causes of their blindness I find that of the 33 no fewer than 6 became blind from inflammation of the eyes, that very commonly occurs in very young children; a disease which if seen early enough is generally curable, but which quickly destroys sight if left to run its course.

Three were born blind, one evidently from disease of the structures of the eyes, and two from brain disease.

Four cases are the result of small pox, only one of the 4 certainly having been vaccinated.

One girl lost her sight from scarlet fever, and one from weakness consequent upon hooping cough.

Eight are blind from inflammation of the external tunics of the eye; three of them being from "ulceration of the cornea," a very common complaint in weakly children, and two of them give evidence of having inherited a tendency to a destructive disease of the eye.

One is blind from "Iritis."

Four lost their sight from disease of the brain extending to the eyes; and five are blind from accidents. Of these five cases one was caused by an arrow, two by stones, and one by a blow from a stick; one little boy lost one eye as a baby from a pair of scissors falling off a nail into the eye, and the other from a blow with a hammer at the age of 14. In the first four of these the second eye was subsequently affected by sympathy with the injured one, and I believe that had the injured eye been removed in time these four children would not have lost their sight.

Blindness is to a certain extent preventable, and of the 33 cases I have described I believe that half might have been prevented if the parents or those that had care of the children had followed the advice that in all probability was given them. Thus if a doctor is consulted directly a child of a day or two old begins to have discharge from the eyes; if children are properly vaccinated and re-vaccinated; and if on receipt of injury the recommendation to have the injured one removed is not disregarded I believe there would be far fewer blind.

A. W. PRICHARD.

31, Victoria Place.

MUSICAL PROFESSOR'S REPORT.

During the year selections from the following works have been learned and performed at the Monday Concerts in addition to those mentioned in my last year's report, viz. :—

Jephtha	*Handel.*
Israel in Egypt	*Handel.*
The Prodigal Son	*Sullivan.*
Motet for Female voices ...	*J. Hullah.*
St. Paul (second selection) ...	*Mendelssohn.*

There is also ready for performance a second selection from Costa's "Eli."

These selections contain 23 numbers, the greater part of which have been learnt from the Braille characters, the rest from dictation.

Besides these a great many chants, hymn tunes, kyries, and voluntaries for the organ from the works of J. S. Bach, Mendelssohn, André, Hasse, and Batiste, and much secular

music, consisting of pianoforte solos, duets and trios, vocal duets, trios and songs, part songs and glees, have been learnt; all but the latter from the Braille characters, the latter from dictation.

In addition to the pianoforte and singing pupils, there are 9 organ pupils who are giving great attention to the study of this instrument, and are making great and satisfactory progress; five of them have taken part in the service of the Chapel; three others will be ready in a short time to fill up gaps that may arise through pupils leaving the Institution.

There have been 39 Concerts between May 12th, 1879, and March 29th, 1880, attended by 2780 persons, giving over an average of 71 persons for each Concert.

SAM. ROOTHAM.

5, Ashgrove Villas, Redland, Bristol.

THE BRISTOL ASYLUM, OR SCH

Dr. *J. C. Aiken, Esq., Treasurer, in Account with the*

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Cash received as under :—			
For Baskets, Mats, Rugs, Knitting, and Chair Caning			845 10 7
Annual Subscriptions		245 7 0	
Donations		136 1 5	
			381 8 5
Dividends on the following Stock :—			
Half-year on £11,846 11s. 2d. Consols, due January, 1879	177 13 11		
Half-year on £12,872 3s. 11d. Consols, due July, 1879	193 1 8		
		370 15 7	
One-year on £16,180 Reduced 3 per Cents., due October, 1879 ...		485 8 0	
One Year on £874 16s. 1d. Reduced 3 per Cents., under the Will of the late Joseph Hughes, Esq., of this City, due October, 1879		26 4 10	
One Year on £11,547 17s. 4d. New 3 per Cents., due October, 1879 ...		346 8 8	
			1228 17 1
Legacies :—From the Executors of the late Miss Jane Gregory, of Stroud, per Messrs. Little & Mills, of Stroud, £1,500, less Legacy Duty £150 ...		1,350 0 0	
From the Executors of the late Miss Sarah Jones, of Clifton		19 19 0	
From the Executors of the late John Franklyn, Esq., of Bristol ...		20 0 0	
From the Executors of the late W. E. Brown, Esq., of Clifton, £875 15s. 10d., less Legacy Duty £87 11s. 7d. ...		788 4 3	
From the Executors of the late James Gill, Esq., of Redland		19 19 0	
			2198 2 3
Board of Pupils from their Friends or Parishes			542 8 0
Cash received for use of Music Room			124 2 10
Ditto for Piano			0 15 0
Chapel Account—			
Seat Rents and Collections net ...			150 6 5
			£5471 10 7

Examined and found

J. H.

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Bristol, 14th April, 1880.

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Asylum from 31st December, 1878, to 31st December, 1879. CR.

		£ s. d.
By Balance due to the Treasurer		169 12 3
Cash paid as under :—		
Wages to Out-door Pupils		270 6 6
,, Instructors and Porters		395 13 0
,, Officers' Salaries		449 18 6
House Expenses		962 3 4
Cost of White and Brown Rods ... ,, ...		198 18 2
,, Coir, Worsted, and other Material for Rugs, Mats, Basket Makers' Tools, &c.		45 1 3
Coal for Workshops		39 6 0
Printing Reports, Advertising, and Books, Stationery, &c. ...		51 15 6
Taxes		24 4 5
Repairs		367 11 7
Law Expenses		2 2 0
Fire Insurance		7 1 0
Incidental Expenses		66 8 0
Subscription to Royal Infirmary		2 2 0
Miss Wood's Annual Gift, given to the Pupils for Clothing ...		10 0 0
Household Furniture		69 7 1
Cost of £1,025 12s. 9d. Consols at £97¾, including commission		1000 0 0
Cost of £1,019 2s. 1d. Consols at £98, including commission...		1000 0 0
Chapel Account—		
Stipend to Chaplain to June, 1879	50 0 0	
Balance, Seat Rents ,, ...	156 8 0	
Tuning Organ	3 0 0	
Repairs	0 12 9	
Winding, Regulating, and Repairing Turret Clock	8 10 0	
		218 10 9
Balance		121 9 3
		£5471 10 7

nd correct,

H. NASH, Auditor.

RTIS, JENKINS, & CO., Accountants.

THE BRISTOL ASYLUM OR SCHOOL OF INDUSTRY FOR THE BLIND.

J. C. Aiken, Esq., Treasurer, in Account with the Rev. Edward Kempe's Trust Fund, from 31st December, 1878, to 31st December, 1879.

Dr.			£	s.	d.
To Balance from December, 1878 ...		...	42	6	10
Cash received as under :—					
One Year's Dividend on Consols, due July, 1879	£336 6 8				
...		...	10	0	0
One Year's Dividend on Consols, due July, 1879 ...	£908 12 9	...	27	5	2
			£79	12	0

Cr.	£ s. d.	£	s.	d.
By Cash paid as under :—				
Sarah Knight, Lydney ...	2 10 0			
E. Harvey, Bristol	2 10 0			
E. Jones, Bristol	2 10 0			
E. Williams, Bristol	2 10 0			
M. A. Werrott	2 10 0			
Expenses	0 1 7	12	11	7
E. Hanham, Hilton	4 10 0			
E. Green, Gloucester	4 10 0			
F. Sharland, Bristol	4 10 0			
Mary Hayes, Tetbury ...	4 10 0			
H. Collings, Devizes	4 10 0			
S. Jordan, Highworth ...	4 10 0			
Expenses	0 4 0	27	4	0
Balance		39	16	5
		£79	12	0

Examined and found correct,

J. H. NASH, Auditor.

Bristol, 14th April, 1880.

CURTIS, JENKINS & CO., Accountants.

The number of Pupils in the Institution 31st December, 1879, was 58, namely, 34 Males and 24 Females. Three Blind Teachers, and 11 Out-door Workmen.

NAMES OF THE MALE PUPILS.

Date of Admission.		Present Age.	Parish.
*1826	James Murphy ...	... 68	Westbury-on-Trym.
*1828	Jonathan Jennings	... 64	Westerleigh.
*1843	Samuel Foster ...	... 61	Taunton.
*1850	Henry Phillips ...	... 45	Bristol.
*1864	John James ...	... 37	Clifton.
* ,,	George Brown ...	... 55	Bristol.
* ,,	John Richards ...	... 38	Bristol.
,,	Thomas Vincent...	... 29	Evershot.
*1875	Alfred Hiscocks...	... 32	Westbury.
*1876	Charles Byles ...	... 30	Charlton Marshall.
*1878	James Pember ...	... 45	Bristol.
* ,,	James Murphy ...	... 37	Bristol.
*1879	Samuel Dorry ...	... 19	Bristol.

Those marked * are not resident in the House.

Date of Admission.		Present Age.	Parish.
1873	Wm. Derrick ...	... 16	Clapton-in-Gordano.
,,	Wm. Clothier ...	... 23	Chow Magna.
,,	E. J. Holton ...	... 18	Oxford.
,,	Wm. Berriman ...	... 19	Brecon.
,,	John Stevens ...	... 15	Taunton.
1875	Charles Raymond	... 16	Neath.
,,	Wm. Henry Evans	... 14	Cardiff.
1876	James Pearce ...	... 21	Devizes.
,,	Charles Hill ...	... 14	Cheltenham.
1877	Charles H. Harwood	... 17	Bath.
,,	George Williams...	... 16	Cosheston.
,,	James D. Harris...	... 12	Minchinhampton.
,,	James Adams ...	... 13	Marksbury.
,,	Alfred Wm. Bishop	... 13	Badgoworth.
,,	Albert Eyers ...	... 12	Hurston Priors.
1878	Wm. J. Sims	... 17	Whitchurch, Hants.
,,	John Pearce ...	... 19	Totterdown.
,,	Sidney Davis ...	... 14	Merthyr.
,,	Geo. Radbone ...	... 20	Oxford.
,,	Wm. Bevan ...	... 20	Haverfordwest.
,,	John Chilcot ...	... 15	Stoke Courcy.
,,	Charles Brackstone	... 19	Redenham.
,,	Frederick Povey	... 13	North Meol.
1879	Thomas Joseph Eloy	... 15	Bristol.
,,	David Bevan ..	... 12	Hereford.
,,	William Bryant ...	... 16	Bristol.
,,	David Davies ...	... 12	Neath.
,,	J. A. Perry ...	... 20	Bristol.
,,	Joseph Hatherhill	... 12	Bath.
,,	Charles Henry Tucker	... 8	Warminster.
,,	George Vincent ...	... 14	Bath.
,,	Thomas Hatton ...	... 17	Woodstock.
,,	Walter Bailey ...	... 15	Wolverhampton.
,,	C. J. Bailey ...	... 15	Torquay.

NAMES OF THE FEMALE PUPILS.

Date of Admission.		Present Age.	Parish.
1836	Elizabeth Davis ...	... 65	Cwmdee, Breconshire.
1858	Ann Murray ...	... 41	Ardee, Ireland.
1872	Margaret Phillips	... 17	Aberdare.
,,	Sarah A. Chivers	... 19	Paulton.
1873	Emma Stone ...	... 25	Weston.
,,	Martha Marchant	... 25	Trowbridge.
1874	Sarah Hanks ...	... 21	Now Swindon.
,,	S. A. Nash ...	... 16	Newport.
1875	Matilda Phillips...	... 21	Usk.
,,	Ann Young ...	... 22	Comberton.
,,	Ellen Truman ...	... 15	Keynsham.
,,	Rhoda Dimory ...	... 15	Berkeley.
1876	Hannah Davies ...	... 13	Merthyr.
,,	Rachel Crook ...	... 27	Newbold Parey.
1877	Elizabeth J. Rawlinson	... 18	Worcester.
,,	Ellen M. Towell...	... 20	Bristol.
,,	Hester A. Powell	... 18	West Dean
1878	Jane Kendall ...	... 19	Bristol.
,,	Emily Child ...	... 15	West Dean.
,,	Mary Ann Baylis	... 17	Woodstock.
,,	Mary Ann Clifford	... 19	Bath.
,,	Jane Ann Long ...	... 14	Brynmawr.
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TWO PUPILS HAVE LEFT THE ASYLUM DURING THE PAST YEAR.

Israel Lane, of Nailsea, admitted in 1874, left in 1878, to commence business for himself.

Mary Arter, of Melksham, admitted in 1878, died in the Asylum, March, 1879, of consumption.

ADMISSION OF PUPILS.

The manner of applying for Admission, and the engagements to be entered into by the Friends of the Pupils.

Any person desirous of applying for the Admission of a Pupil may have printed Papers of Questions and Engagements at the Asylum in the following form, to which answers in writing are required, attested as therein specified ; and the Paper when properly filled up, must be sent (post-paid) to the Secretary at the Asylum, near Park Street, Bristol, in order to its being laid before the Committee. It is required that the parish or friends of the Pupils shall contribute a weekly allowance towards his or her maintenance ; and if the parish or friends be at a distance from Bristol, then some respectable housekeeper in Bristol must become responsible for the regular payment of the sum stipulated.

QUESTIONS.

I.

What is the name, age, parish, present residence, occupation, and maintenance of the applicant ?

II.

Is the applicant married, and has any and what family ?

III.

Has the applicant received parochial or other relief, or the family on the applicant's behalf, and to what amount ?

IV.

Where do the parents or immediate friends of applicant reside, and what is the number of their children, their character, and circumstances ?

V.

Does the applicant bear a good character for *morality, decency*, and *sobriety ?*

VI.

How long has the applicant been a resident in the parish of ?

VII.

Has the applicant ever wandered about as a beggar, or played upon a musical instrument in the streets or alehouses ?

VIII.

In what manner has the applicant been usually employed; has ever attempted to do any kind of work, or had any moral or religious instruction?

IX.

Is willing to conform to and obey the rules of the Institution?

X.

Will the parish to which the applicant belongs, or friends, engage to pay half-yearly in advance, the sum of Five Pounds Five Shillings, in Bristol, towards support for seven years, or until such time as the Committee shall consider sufficiently instructed in some trade, and further engage to receive back (if required), paying the expenses of removal of the said applicant whenever shall be discharged or dismissed from the Asylum, and also in case of death to defray the expenses of the funeral?

XI.

Is it probable that the parents or friends of the applicant, when shall have left the Asylum, can provide the necessary materials for future employment?

The *Answers* to the preceding *Questions must be certified* by the Minister, Churchwardens or Overseers, where the applicant resides.

Signature *Minister of Parish,*

Churchwardens or Overseers.

Questions to be answered by a Physician or Surgeon.

XII.

Is the applicant totally blind, partially blind, or able to distinguish light from darkness?

XIII.

What is the nature and supposed cause of blindness?

XIV.

Is the applicant possessed of sufficient intellect and bodily strength to receive instruction?

XV.

Has the applicant had the measles, small pox, scarlet fever, or been vaccinated ?

XVI.

Is the applicant free from epileptic or other fits, and from all disorders that may be prejudicial to those already in the Asylum ?

Signature.

Qualification.

Residence.

FORM OF ENGAGEMENT,

To be properly filled up and signed after Election, but before Admission of the Applicant.

We, the undersigned, and of do hereby jointly and severally engage to pay half-yearly in advance, the sum of Five Pounds Five Shillings to the "President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer and Members of The Bristol Asylum or School of Industry for the Blind," from the day of the admission into the said Asylum of the above-named for the term of seven years, or until such further time as the Committee of the said Asylum shall consider sufficiently instructed in some art, trade or profession, and to supply with proper clothing ; and also to take back whenever shall be discharged from the same, either on account of having been sufficiently instructed, or on account of misconduct, or any cause whatever ; and in all cases to pay the expense of removal, and in case of death to defray the expenses of the funeral.

Dated this day of 18

Signed,

"Ordered that the friends or parents of candidates for admission be informed that in all cases it will be necessary that the candidates should attend at the Asylum before 12 o'clock in the morning, for the purpose of being examined by the Physician or Surgeon.

"Every Pupil admitted shall be considered probationary for a period of three months, in order to ascertain the capability of improvement, as well as the moral disposition, of the Pupil."

RULES TO BE OBSERVED BY APPLICANTS FOR ADMISSION.

1.—That they are required to come decently clothed, and with change of clothes.

2.—That if any applicant, after admission, is found to be deficient in intellect, afflicted with fits, or with any other disorder prejudicial to the Pupils of the Asylum, such person will be *immediately* returned to his parish or friends.

3.—Persons applying for admission are desired to observe that the object of the Institution is not to provide for the permanent support of those taken under its protection, but to teach them the means of gaining a livelihood for themselves.

4.—Candidates for admission must in all cases be recommended by a Life Member or Annual Subscriber of twelve months' standing.

5.—That previous to the admission of any candidate the friends or parishes shall pay the first half-year's board money in *advance*, and engage some respectable inhabitant in Bristol to become responsible to the Committee for such half-yearly payment, *always in advance*, and on failure thereof such blind persons will be sent home to their friends or parishes.

6.—Should a Pupil be dismissed from misconduct or leave the Institution from caprice or otherwise, without the approval of the Committee, before the expiration of the six months, no portion of the money so advanced shall be returned.

7.—*That each Person recommended by a Life Member or Subscriber of twelve months' standing, living in the parish, or one adjoining that of the person recommended (provided the other requisites are satisfactory) be received in preference to any other candidate.*

8.—No Male applicant, who is under Nine or above Twenty-one years of age, and no Female under Nine or above Twenty-five, can be placed on the list of candidates.

N.B.—None can be received into the Asylum as Pupils until they can dress and undress themselves without assistance.

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